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SMALLHOLDERS OIL PALM PROJECT SUPPORT (SHOPS II)

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The Smallholders Oil Palm Project Support (SHOPS II) support works to stimulate economic growth in Liberia by increasing the income of smallholder oil palm producers, while reducing deforestation resulting from oil palm expansion. In order to achieve its overarching goal, SHOPS II works with manufacturers to increase farmers' access to oil palm processing equipment such as oil expellers and palm kernel crackers and linking them to buyers of the equipment. SHOPS II also supports the processing and marketing of downstream oil palm products, such as palm kernel cake which will serve as catalyst to growth of the poultry, fishery and livestock industries. SHOPS II is working with Farmer-to-Farmer to train farmers on producing, branding and marketing high quality soaps made from palm kernel oil. SHOPS II will continue to explore additional downstream so as to increase market-based opportunities for smallholders farmers and producers in the oil palm sector.

Current Activities

- Providing small holders oil palm farmers access to improved oil palm varieties and modern farming methods, including use of irrigation technology.
- Providing access to credit for manufacturers of low-cost palm oil and palm kernel oil processing machines

Planned Outcomes

- Increased productivity and profitability of smallholder farmers in oil palm sector
- Improved smallholder oil palm sector marketing and trade capacity
- Improve integration of best practices in natural resources management